

MEN OF THE HOUR.

THE LATE ELECTION.



JEREMIAH M. RUSK.

Governor of Wisconsin, and Candidate for Re-Election.

The result of the November election in Wisconsin cannot be anticipated, but one thing is certain, namely, that the Republicans had a strong candidate. Before attaining his present dignified position, Governor Rusk had figured conspicuously in public life.

Jeremiah M. Rusk was born in Morgan county, Ohio, June 17, 1830. His father was a farmer of small means, and could not afford to give his son a liberal education. The boyhood of young Rusk accordingly was divided between work on the farm and acquiring a common school education. As regards his knowledge of books, he has been dependent chiefly on unassisted studious application.

He was twenty-three years of age when he removed from the State of Ohio into Wisconsin, taking a farm near Viroqua, Vernon county. In 1862 he entered the Union army, and began a military career, which was distinguished and honored. He was Major, and afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel of the Twenty-fifth Wisconsin Regiment, and brevet Brigadier-General. Shortly after the close of the war he was elected State Bank Controller, an office which he filled from 1866 to 1870. His next public position was that of member of the Forty-second Congress in the House of Representatives. He served three consecutive terms at Washington, and distinguished himself as a legislator. Among the important committees in which he served were those on War, Public Lands, Agriculture, Mines, and Mining and Pensions. He was Chairman of the last named, and did material service in readjusting the pension rates. The Arrear of Pensions Bill had in Representative Rusk an earnest supporter. While in Congress he was an intimate friend and associate of James A. Garfield, and upon the election of that eminent man to the Presidency, was tendered successively the appointments of Charge d'Affaires to Paraguay and Uruguay, and Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. He declined both, and in 1881 was nominated for Governor on the Republican ticket. He was elected by a majority of nearly twelve thousand votes over his opponent. In 1882 an amendment to the State Constitution was made which had the effect of extending his term of incumbency, in common with that of all the State officers, from expiration on January 1, 1884, to the same day, 1885. His re-nomination, after a term thus prolonged, is strong evidence of the conviction of his availability entertained by the leaders of his party in Wisconsin.

Governor Rusk is a man of distinguished appearance. He is easily approached, and a ready listener. While respectfully considerate of the opinion of others, he holds tenaciously by his own judgment after having decided upon a course of action. His administration is described as both wise and strong.

THE CAMPAIGN IN WEST VIRGINIA.



E. WILLIS WILSON.

Democratic Candidate for Governor.

The election in West Virginia took place on the second Tuesday in October, the same day as that in Ohio. E. Willis Wilson will be the next Governor of the State. The present incumbent is Jacob B. Jackson, also a Democrat, whose term of office will expire in March, 1885.

Mr. Wilson is a native of Harper's Ferry, Jefferson county, West Virginia. He received a common school education, which was supplemented with attendance at a commercial college. In early life, upon leaving school, he was placed at work in the armory at Harper's Ferry. He made a living in mechanical work for a good many years. While thus employed he cherished the idea to become a lawyer, and in 1866 took up the various branches of a liberal education and the study of law. He pursued a severe course of self-instruction with courage and persistence, and in 1869 was admitted to the Bar. After practicing in Jefferson county from the time of his admission until 1874, he removed to Kanawha county where he still resides.

Mr. Wilson has long been an earnest political worker in the Democratic interest. He took an active part in the organization of the party in West Virginia in 1866, and has assisted in every canvass of the State since that date. In 1871 he was elected a member of the House of Delegates, where he was prominent in promoting legislation intended to reverse that which had passed during the period of Republican ascendancy in the State. In January, 1872, he took his seat as State Senator, where he led in the adoption of measures, which saved the Kanawha River to improvement by the Federal Government, and has led local expenditure of more than a million and a half dollars from the Treasury of the State. Mr. Wilson became a member of the House of Delegates from Kanawha county in 1877, and distinguished himself by originating laws which foster mining in West Virginia, and protect the interests of miners and other working people. During the last session of the Legislature, in which he was a member of the House of delegates, he served as Speaker. He has been an industrious statesman, and his State is indebted to him for useful legislation, designed to assist its leading interests, especially mining, the comfort and well-being of workingmen and purity in elections.

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The Vice-Presidential Nominee on the Butler Ticket.



GEN. A. M. WEST.

Gen. West has long been a prominent citizen of Mississippi. He was a brigadier general in the Confederate army; is at present a planter at Holly Springs, Miss., and financially interested in some large enterprises of that state.



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THE LATE JAMES L. CLAGHORN. Mr. Claghorn was born in Philadelphia in 1817, succeeded to his father's business and became immensely wealthy, retiring in 1861. He died on August 25 last. He was one of Philadelphia's most public spirited and devoted citizens. Especially as a patron of the arts and in his zealous participation in every movement toward awakening in the community an admiration and interest for the beautiful in art will his generous hand be missing. His gallery of oil paintings, filled with productions of the old masters, as well as many important works of the modern school, bore evidence to his exceptional taste in this direction. Mr. Claghorn also possessed a fine collection of engravings, etchings and prints. This branch of the fine arts he had made the study of his life, and his enjoyment of the engraver's work was even greater than that which he obtained from the canvas. His collection of engravings alone numbers fifty thousand. One of Mr. Claghorn's proudest achievements was the inception and fruition of the School of Design for women, which now ranks high among art schools in America.

Republican Candidate for Governor of Connecticut.



HENRY B. HARRISON.

Mr. Harrison has been an active and influential member of the Republican party since its formation in 1856. He has served several years in the state legislature; is a lawyer of considerable prominence, and on several occasions before was mentioned as a candidate for the governorship.

"Biling 'Em."

[Detroit Free Press.]

Chicagoans, who indulge in too copious libations of stimulants, have discovered that taking a Turkish bath is one of the quickest and most effectual ways of sobering off. There is a bathing establishment in Chicago that keeps open all night for the purpose of sobering up citizens who do not care to go home drunk and disturb the peace of the household, or wake up with a swelled head in the morning. The process is called in the uncultured phraseology of Chicago, "biling 'em," and the keeper of the baths says a large business is done. It is claimed for the "biling" process that a very bad case of drunk can have all the liquor sweated out of him in five hours and sent home with a steady step and a clear head, able to make a logical excuse to his wife and resume work on time next morning. This discovery will destroy the force of the phrase, "drunk as a biled owl," which Matthew Arnold found to be very common in Chicago, for it is evident that if "biling" will make a Chicago man sober it would have the same effect on an owl.

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